

Thursday, September 9, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10657-S10711

Measures Introduced: Three bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1571-1573, and S. Res. 180.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 974, to establish a program to afford high school graduates from the District of Columbia the benefits of in-State tuition at State colleges and universities outside the District of Columbia, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106-154)

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Measures Passed:

Four Corners Interpretive Center Act: Senate passed S. 28, to authorize an interpretive center and related visitor facilities within the Four Corners Monument Tribal Park, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Department of the Interior Appropriations: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2466, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 265), Bond (for Lott) Amendment No. 1621, to provide funds to assess the potential hydrologic and biological impact of lead and zinc mining in the Mark Twain National Forest of Southern Missouri.

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Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 266), Robb Amendment No. 1583, to strike section 329, provisions that would overturn recent decisions handed down by the 11th circuit corporation and federal district court in Washington State dealing with national forests.

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Torricelli Amendment No. 1571, to prohibit the use of funds made available by this Act to authorize, permit, administer, or promote the use of any jawed leghold trap or neck snare in any unit of the Na-

tional Wildlife Refuge System. (By 64 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 268), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Durbin Amendment No. 1591, to require the Bureau of Land Management to establish a schedule for completion of processing of expiring grazing permits and leases. (By 58 yeas to 37 nays (Vote No. 269), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

Gorton Amendment No. 1359, of a technical nature.

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Hutchison Amendment No. 1603, to prohibit the use of funds for the purpose of issuing a notice of rulemaking with respect to the valuation of crude oil for royalty purposes until September 30, 2000. (By 2 yeas to 96 nays (Vote No. 267), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

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Transportation Appropriations: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 2084, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000.

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 264), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected a motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Convention (No. 176) Concerning Safety and Health in Mines (Treaty Doc. No. 106-8).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Linda Lee Aaker, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

Edward L. Ayers, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

Pedro G. Castillo, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

Peggy Whitman Prenshaw, of Louisiana, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2002.

Theodore William Striggles, of New York, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2004.

19 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

16 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Record Votes: Six record votes were taken today. (Total—269)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:23 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 10, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the

remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10710.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of General Henry H. Shelton, USA, for reappointment as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and appointment to the grade of General, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Thomas B. Leary, of the District of Columbia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, and Gregory Rohde, of North Dakota, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Rohde was introduced by Senators Dorgan and Conrad, and Representatives Pickering and Pomeroy.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings to examine the protection of religious liberty, focusing on the constitutionality of a religious protection measure, after receiving testimony from Douglas Laycock, University of Texas School of Law, Austin; Chai R. Feldblum, Georgetown University Law Center, and Gene C. Schaerr, Sidley and Austin, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jay S. Bybee, University of Nevada William S. Boyd School of Law, Las Vegas.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 2820–2838; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 183–185 and H. Res. 285–286, were introduced. Pages H8098–99

Reports Filed: One report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1752, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, amended (H. Rept. 106–312). Page H8098

Suspension—Clemency for Terrorists: The House agreed to suspend the rules and agreed to H. Con. Res. 180, amended, expressing the sense of Congress that the President should not have granted clemency to terrorists by a yeas and nays vote of 311 yeas to 41 nays with 72 voting “present”, Roll No. 398.

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H. Res. 281, the rule that provided for consideration of the concurrent resolution under the suspension of the rules was agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 253 yeas to 172 nays, Roll No. 397.

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